

Introduction

Essays in Honor of W. Michael Reisman

Two hundred participants, including former students, colleagues, coauthors, and friends of W. Michael Reisman gathered at Yale Law School on April 24, 2009 for a conference in his honor, entitled “Realistic Idealism in International Law.” As a leading member of the New Haven School of International Law, author of countless publications on nearly every subject within the field, esteemed arbitrator, and beloved teacher, Professor Reisman has influenced the lives of many. He is particularly important to this journal because of the integral role he played in its founding, in 1974, as *Yale Studies in World Public Order*. We have been proud to call him a founding father and patron of *YJIL* for the past thirty-four years of its existence, and we honor him with this collection of essays as a teacher and writer who has changed the way we understand and approach the study of international law.

The following conference essays commemorate the day of panels. Harold Hongju Koh remarks on Professor Reisman’s role at Yale Law School. Robert D. Sloane, Menachem Mautner, and Siegfried Wiessner examine his jurisprudence. Nicholas Rostow, James E. Baker, and Eyal Benvenisti discuss aspects of Professor Reisman’s scholarship on the use of force. Steve Charnovitz, Hi-Taek Shin, and Guiguo Wang write about his contributions in the field of trade, investment, and dispute settlement. Aaron X. Fellmeth and Monica Hakimi discuss his scholarship in human rights law. Finally, Rosalyn Higgins provides closing remarks.

We thank all of the conference participants and the organizers for their contributions. Above all, we thank Professor Reisman for all he has done in our lives and in the life of our journal.

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